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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No. 24393A
Application No.: 10/021,668 Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: December 7, 2001 Examiner: J.F. Stephens
Title: UNITARY DISTRIBUTION LAYER

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	32	Minus	42	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	4	=	0	x	86	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any

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overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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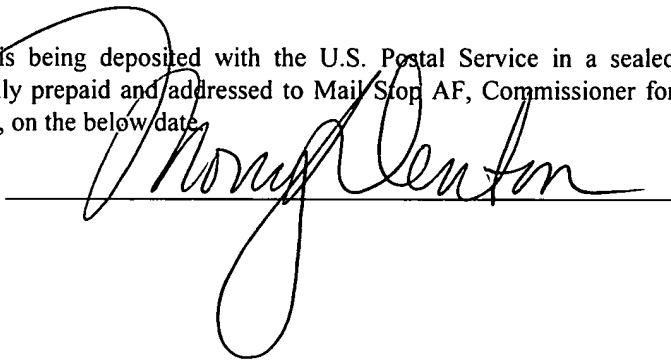


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